

FORM SUMMARY

Name of Form: Plea Questionnaire and Waiver of Rights

Form Number: CR-227

Statutory Reference: Wis. Stats. §971.08

Benchbook Reference: CR 13

Purpose of Form: To provide a standard format for a defendant to complete when entering a plea and waiving rights.

Who Completes It: The defendant (usually with the assistance of counsel)

Distribution of Form: Original is filed with the court

Accompanying Forms: Generally none, although additional documentation may be needed. For example:

- Complex plea agreements may be in writing;
- Specific conditions of probation or extended supervision may be too long to fit in the space provided;
- The elements of the charge(s) may be spelled out in greater detail than is available in the space provided;
- Answers to some questions may require further explanation.

New Form/Modification: Modification, last update 06/02.

Modifications: Modified to comply with 2003 Act 121, effective May 1, 2004. Added an understanding informing those defendants who have been convicted of any felony that they may not vote in any election until their civil rights are restored.

Comments: Adult criminal courts and some juvenile courts have utilized written plea questionnaire forms for several years. The plea questionnaire does not eliminate the need for a personal colloquy between the court official and the defendant, but it does allow the court a reference that can shorten the plea taking process. It also provides defense counsel with a format to follow to ensure coverage of all relevant issues.

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